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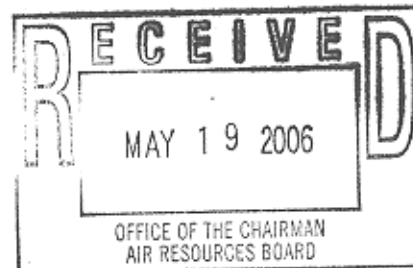
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Dr. Robert F. Sawyer, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I street, 23rd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support of Proposed Modification to the Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning ATCM

Dear Chairman Sawyer:

I am pleased to express the support of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for the proposed modifications to the Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) proposed by the California Air Resources Board.

The requirements of this ATCM are the most stringent statewide control measures proposed for perchloroethylene dry cleaners to date, and represent a reasonable next step for the industry.

The District anticipates the implementation of the control measure to yield substantial health benefits to residents living in the Bay Area. This is, in part, because most co-residential dry cleaning facilities located in California operate within our District. Additionally, there are now less toxic dry cleaning alternatives that have been proven viable, and the ATCM requirements should accelerate existing perchloroethylene solvent facilities to switch over to these newer technologies.

The District would prefer a complete phase-out of Perc, however we believe that the vast majority of dry cleaners will choose alternatives to Perc as these technologies become more viable. We therefore request CARB to revisit this ATCM in the near future to review and consider the full phase-out of Perc.

Your staff is also to be commended for the significant public outreach that was conducted during this rule development, both in a direct manner, and through the use of the industry/agency workgroup.

Sincerely,

Jack Broadbent  
Executive Officer/APCO